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the nests and eggs of all the birds of this vicinity together with finely mounted groups of the birds themselves.

Among the other specimens received were 18 Florida birds purchased from W. S. Dickinson, 45 specimens of California birds from R. B. Herron and 8 specimens from N. and S. Carolina as well as various specimens presented by Mrs. E. B. Chamberlain, I. N. DeHaven, Everett Palmer, I. C. Martindale, Dr. S. G. Dixon, and the Philadelphia Zoological Society.

Shortly after its organization the Section issued a circular soliciting subscriptions to an Endowment Fund to ensure the permanent welfare of the ornithological collection, the idea being to devote the interest to the employment of a special Curator and to the acquiring of additional specimens. A portion of the sum has already been subscribed and it is hoped that the sum of \$10,000 which is wanted for immediate use will soon be raised.

As already mentioned the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club has held its meetings in the Academy during the past year. This has had the effect of drawing the ornithologists of this vicinity to the Academy and awakening an interest in the growth and welfare of its ornithological collection.

At the annual meeting of the Section held December 21st, the following officers were elected :

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Spencer Trotter, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	George S. Morris.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Samuel N. Rhoads.
<i>Secretary,</i>	Charles E. Ridenour.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Isaac C. Martindale.
<i>Conservator,</i>	Witmer Stone.
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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY.

The Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology respectfully reports that the collections in his charge have undergone no material change, beyond increase, since the preparation of his last annual report. The lack of room, from which all departments of the Academy about equally suffer, has prevented any attempt being made toward placing the entire collection into systematic sequence,

an arrangement required by the extensive additions of the last few years—nor will there be any opportunity for so doing until the completion of the new building. Much of the material, probably not less than one-fourth, is stored away in drawers, and is in a measure inaccessible. This applies more particularly to the foreign collection, mainly English and French, among which are to be found a large number of the “types” of the earlier geologists and paleontologists. It is needless to comment upon the value of this series and the importance of placing it where it can be readily reached by the student and specialist.

The paleontological material obtained by the Academy’s Expedition to Mexico in the early part of 1890, to which reference has been made in the last annual report, has been placed in the museum cases. It forms the basis of two papers by the author, which have been published in the “Proceedings” of the Academy:—“The Geology and Paleontology of the Cretaceous Deposits of Mexico,” and “Geological Researches in Yucatan.” The material from Yucatan is the first of any consequence that has been obtained from that section of Central America, and establishes the existence in that region of vast Pliocene deposits, synchronous with and representing those of the southern part of the peninsula of Florida.

The usual spring course of lectures in the department of the Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology has been delivered as in previous years (excepting 1890), the lectures, 25 in number, being attended by a class of 35 students.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND ARCHÆOLOGY.

The Professor of Ethnology and Archæology submits his annual report upon the course of instruction and the condition of the collections in his department in 1891.

The lectures delivered by him were six in number, free to the public, illustrated with maps and diagrams. The topic treated was the Ethnology of Modern Europe. The attendance was large, and a general interest in the subject appeared to have been fostered.